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For: Feminine Care Products For The
Delivery Of Therapeutic Substances

Response to Restriction Requirement Without Traverse

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully provisionally elect under paragraph 1 the Species 1 and Subspecies 2 embodiment to be prosecuted by way of the present application. As for the second set of Subspecies listed in paragraph 1, Applicants are unclear as to what is referred to by "one of species 1-5," as there are not 5 species listed herein, and respectfully ask the Examiner to clarify this statement. Pending further clarification, Applicants elect claims 2-9, 12-16, 20-32, 34-36, 38-40, 43-45, 47, 49-51, and 53-55 for prosecution in the present application if no generic claim is finally held allowable.

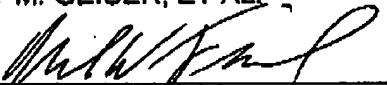
With respect to paragraph 2, it is unclear to Applicants whether the statement indicates a selection of species separate from that in paragraph 1, in the alternative to paragraph 1, or how these could be species distinct from those stated in paragraph 1. Applicants contend that these might be more accurately described as subspecies of the previous species election. Applicants assume the latter and respectfully provisionally elect under paragraph 2 the subspecies described in claim 12 to be prosecuted by way of the present application. Pending further clarification, Applicants amend the claim list presented above and elect claims 2-9, 12, 16, 20-32, 34-36, 38-40, 43-45, 47, 49-51, and 53-54 for prosecution in the present application if no generic claim is finally held allowable.

This election is made without traverse with respect to the species presented or alluded to by the Examiner. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application, or by prosecution in the present application upon allowance of a generic claim.

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Respectfully submitted,

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